

Hacking Health Security: Using the National Health Security Preparedness Index to Assess, Prioritize, Collaborate, and Communicate

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Providing health security requires coordination and communication across many different sectors. As a result, implementing effective strategies to improve health security is challenging. This Learning Institute will help you use the National Health Security Preparedness Index to:

- Communicate the value of health security to policy-makers and the public.
- Advocate for resources using sound metrics and comparative data.
- Develop and strengthen community partnerships.

The Index, which is a project of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, aggregates 140 data points from more than 60 sources to enhance situational awareness for health security at the state and national level.

As part of this Learning Institute, the Index research team (see below) will show you how to visualize health security using dashboards and other Index-related tools. You will learn how to identify focus areas for improving health security. You will work with other participants to analyze scenarios and create strategies for engaging community partners and policy-makers.

Who should attend: Public health and emergency management practitioners, community health advocates, public health and disaster preparedness researchers, and all others interested in strengthening health security.

Date and Time: Sunday, Nov. 11, from 8 to 11:30 a.m.

Presenters from the Index Research Team

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